

Mexico Missouri Message

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MEXICO MISSOURI

Mexico's revolution seems to be a victim of the bookworm.

Mme. Semblich says that wiggle dances are terrible for young folks. Also fat folks.

A Chicago girl almost wedded the wrong twin. These hasty marriages should be discouraged.

A Chicago waiter died leaving \$1,000,000. To paraphrase: "He gets his too, who stands and waits."

New York man sent a live lobster through the mail by parcel post. Must have done it in a pinch, though.

Chicago chef found a \$500 pearl in an oyster, says reports. Press does to advertise the house, quite likely.

The English language is employed by 150,000,000 people. Of that number, a few speak it. The rest mangle it.

A vast amount of oleomargarine was manufactured in this country last year, and some of it was eaten by mistake for butter.

New York moving pictures are being exhibited showing brain diseases. A brain storm must be equal to the real thing.

British babies are now worth \$7.50 a head, but you would soon trade your American baby for the whole British empire.

California woman divorced her husband because he annoyed her by frequent praying. Too much of a good thing, no doubt.

England's first dreadnaught, which revolutionized the navies of the world, is only six years old and yet it is already outclassed.

Those New York waiters who struck before the diners had dined did not seem to care about the slip between the cup and the tip.

St. Louis physicians are employing a tuning fork to cure a disordered throat. We know lots of singers we wish they'd practice on.

Man is at his best at 40, according to a symposium of Berlin scientists. There is hope for the woman, if she only boasts that 30 mark now.

There will soon be a million automobiles in this country. This will provide one for every 34 inhabitants, which still crowds the joyrides.

A woman injured in getting off a train has lost the power of speech. However, her lawyer will probably do all the talking that is necessary.

It is said that the railroad ties of the future will be of cement, which will come nearer suggesting the sidewalks of Broadway than the wooden ones.

Some one might make a hit and a great deal of money by training lobsters for the New York market to crawl to the table under their own power.

Dr. Vaughn of the University of Michigan declines against the "clinging vine" girl as a wife, but does not specifically suggest any twining substitute.

A French physician says that walking on all fours will cure indigestion. Here's another excuse for the man who has to adopt this mode of locomotion when he reaches home at 3 a. m.

An advertisement recently appeared in a German paper offering a reward for a watch lost from an aeroplane. Just suppose it had been a monkey wrench!

A steamer passenger with \$50,000 in his pocket has been admitted in New York. If he is there yet it isn't necessary to ask whether or not he still has it.

The pigeon, says a Harvard professor, leads an intellectual life. Our observation is that the father pigeon's chief intellectual diversion is grumbling and swearing.

After April 12 whistling and cane swinging will be barred on the streets of Berlin, and not more than three persons can walk abreast on the sidewalks of that thoroughly governed city.

A Kansas editor says that when he was a young man about all the boys had to do to dress for a party was to pull their trousers out of their boots—but Kansas has greatly changed since then.

Arnold Bennett says it is no sign of ability to accumulate a fortune. True, the ability is displayed in keeping it.

A Virginia editor recently died owing \$832.821. And yet there is a standing joke regarding the impeccability of the profession.

An index system of tunes that will help popular song writers with defective memories is announced as the latest. Judging from popular tunes, we always were of the opinion that writers had wonderful memorizing ability.

\$51,007 IN FINES IN BATH-TUB CASE

PENALTIES MUST BE SETTLED BEFORE MARCH 1 OR TERM SERVED IN JAIL.

14 ARE INDIVIDUALS PUNISHED

Thirteen Corporation Defendants Convicted of Conspiracy. Must Pay From \$1 to \$10,000—Defendants Silent on Appeal.

Detroit, Mich.—Judge Clarence W. Sessions in the federal district court imposed fines ranging from \$1 to \$10,000 on the fourteen individuals and thirteen corporation defendants convicted in the trial of the so-called Bath-Tub trust for criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The fines totaled \$51,007 and they must be paid on or before March 1. In the cases of individuals, if the fines are not paid before that date, they must serve a sentence not exceeding six months in the Detroit House of Correction.

Companies Are Fined. The sentences include: Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company of Pittsburgh, \$10,000; Barnes Manufacturing company of Mansfield, Ohio, \$1,000; J. L. Mott Iron Works of New York, \$5,000; L. Wolf Manufacturing company, Chicago, \$5,000; McVay & Walker, Braddock, Pa., \$500; National Sanitary Manufacturing company of Salem, Ohio, \$1,000; Union Sanitary Manufacturing company of Noblesville, Ind., \$1,500; A. Weiskittel & Son company of Baltimore, \$1,500; Wheeling Enamelled Iron company of Wheeling, W. Va., \$500.

Individual defendants' fines: Theodore Ahrens, E. L. Dawes and Francis J. Torrance, officers of the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, \$5,000 each; T. R. Barnes of the Barnes Manufacturing company, \$500; Jesse T. Durrer of New York, \$1,000.

Four Get Minimum Fines. Frank G. Borden of the National Sanitary Manufacturing company, \$1; A. Weiskittel of A. Weiskittel & Son company, \$1,000; Herman Hoelscher of the L. Wolf Manufacturing company, \$5,000; Lloyd G. M. Crum of the McCrum-Howell company, \$1; Howard T. Gates, also of the McCrum-Howell company, \$500; J. E. Wright of the Wheeling Enamelled Iron company, \$500; A. G. Ward of the Day-Edward company of Warren, Ohio, \$1; A. H. Cline, Jr., of the United States Sanitary Manufacturing company, \$1,000; J. W. Arrott, also of the United States Manufacturing company, \$1. The defense refused to state whether an appeal would be taken in the case.

Would Elect Saloonkeepers. Pierre, S. D.—Election of saloonkeepers by popular vote is proposed in an amendment to a bill for regulation of issuances of liquor licenses offered in the legislature. To relieve city officials of the responsibility of deciding the moral fitness of applicants for license is the object of the measure.

Chinese Slayers Condemned. New York.—Two members of the Chinese Hip Sing ton, Eng Hing and Yee Dock, were sentenced to execution March 24 for the murder of Lee Kay. The principal witnesses against them were two Philadelphia girls who had left their homes and drifted into Chinatown.

Gift for Helen Taft. Washington.—Girl friends of Miss Helen Taft have presented to her as a farewell gift a gold handbag studded with amethysts. Virtually all of her close friends were represented in the presentation, which was informal.

Blue Sky Law in Vermont. Montpelier, Vt.—The so-called "blue sky" act, first adopted in Kansas and designed to exclude questionable investment companies, became a law of Vermont by the approval of Governor Fletcher.

Jane Addams to Start for Egypt. Chicago.—Jane Addams was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Progressive club on the eve of her departure for a trip through Asia Minor and Egypt.

Fort Worth Hotel Burns. Fort Worth, Tex.—The Hotel Seaboard was partly destroyed by fire. Many of the guests were rescued by firemen and police. All escaped. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Three Die in Fire That Destroys Town North Bay, Ontario.—Dispatches from Kirk City, a nearby town of 1,000 population, say that fire nearly wiped out the place and caused three deaths.

Denver Votes for Commission. Denver, Colo.—By a vote of two to one, the voters of the city and county of Denver decided for a commission form of government by charter amendment, rather than by the charter convention plan.

All Inaugural Seats Sold. Washington.—All except 500 seats in the great stand fronting the White House have been sold for the inaugural parade March 4. The stand has a seating capacity of approximately 6,000.

MISS ETHEL ROOSEVELT.



Daughter of former president to wed Dr. Richard Denby of New York City, is announcement just made public.

GAMBLER KILLS DAUGHTER

FIRES THREE BULLETS INTO THE BODY OF 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

Wife Saved From Similar Fate When New York Sporting Man's Pistol Misses Fire.

New York, N. Y.—"Jimmie" Purcell, the professional gambler whose revelations before the aldermanic committee about police graft caused a sensation a few days ago, shot and killed his 12-year-old daughter Agnes in their home at 218 West Twenty-first street. He then turned his revolver on his wife, but the shot missed.

Purcell was arrested. He refused to give any reason for the slaying. Three bullets lodged in the girl's body, killing her almost instantly. Mrs. Purcell threw herself between her husband and their child, but the bullet, fired point-blank at her by the maddened gambler, flew wild. Purcell dropped the revolver and fled.

Purcell had operated gambling houses in all parts of the city and at one time was a partner of Herman Rosenthal, shot down by Lieut. Becker's gunmen last summer.

Previously Purcell had been in partnership with "Kid" McCoy, the former prizefighter. His revelation before the aldermanic committee included stories of protection money paid to four police captains, who were suspended by Commissioner Waldo to await investigation.

WIFE SLAYER IS HANGED

First Execution in District of Columbia Under Taft Took Place Thursday.

Washington, D. C.—Samuel Rauen, the first man to be hanged in the District of Columbia during the administration of President Taft, went to his death. He was convicted of wife murder. President Taft declined to interfere with the carrying out of justice.

The president last month granted a respite to Rauen, who was to be hanged Jan. 31. On Jan. 30 the convicted man's attorney went to the White House to appeal to the president, and finding a Sunday school delegation being received by Taft, stepped into line.

Through this means he got a personal interview with the chief executive and the respite was granted.

TWO SHIPS CRASH AND SINK

Passengers and Crews Taken Off Just as Vessels Go Under Off California.

San Francisco, Cal.—Struck amidships by the steamer H. C. Corcoran off Angeles Island, the Southern Pacific passenger steamer Seminole was so badly damaged that she sank off Aleutraz Island a few minutes after the collision. Her crew and passengers were taken off before she went down.

The Corcoran also was badly damaged, the smash tearing a great hole in her bow. She headed for the shore, but went down also after the steamer Angeles Island had taken off her crew. River Steamer Sinks; Five Drowned.

Clifton, Tenn.—The steamer City of Florence sank when she collided with a barge at Coffee Landing, eight miles below Clifton, on the Tennessee river. Four negroes and an 11-year-old girl, the child of E. E. Harbert, a wealthy merchant of Salsito, Tenn., were drowned.

Katy Merger Bill Vetted. Austin, Tex.—Gov. Colquitt has vetoed the consolidated bill to permit the merger of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the Texas Central railways. He declared the consolidation was unconstitutional.

Threatens to Kill, If Not Divorced. New Orleans, La.—In petition for divorce Mrs. John T. Collins here told the court that if she is not granted a decree she will kill her husband. She admits she wishes to wed again. Her husband is in the penitentiary.

ARBITRATION IS AGREED TO

RAILROADS ACCEPT OFFER OF 34,000 FIREMEN.

Lines Accept Erdman Act as Strike Order Was Being Drafted—Proposes Board of Six.

New York.—A new possibility for peace between the 54 Eastern railroads and their 34,000 firemen, who have threatened to strike for higher wages and revised working conditions appeared with a fresh arbitration proposal by the railroads. The break that seemed imminent during the day was averted, temporarily at least.

The railroads, which have insisted upon arbitration by a board of seven men, similar to that which decided the dispute with the engineers last year, while firemen demanded arbitration under the Erdman act, now propose arbitration by a board of six members, two representatives of the roads, two of the firemen and two disinterested members, to be appointed as the Erdman act provides. The roads offer also to retain in the arbitration proceedings all other features of the Erdman act which the firemen may desire.

The railroads' proposition was given out by the conference committee of managers and immediately was submitted to federal officials who have been trying to bring the parties together and at once placed by the mediators before the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. It came at a time when the firemen made it known that they had a strike order in readiness.

GEN. S. L. WOODFORD IS DEAD

Former Minister to Spain Passes Away at His Home in New York—Final Illness Short.

New York.—Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, veteran publicist and former United States minister to Spain, died at his home in New York. He had been ill for more than two weeks.

The general was 78 years old and a native of New York City. He was graduated a bachelor of arts from Columbia in 1854 and took his A. M. at Yale. Other institutions later in his life bestowed upon him honorary degrees for his distinguished services in public life. He was in Spain as a minister of this country when the Spanish-American war was declared. As a young man he served with distinction through the civil war. His last notable public work was his direction of the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York.

FIVE LEGISLATORS INDICTED

Special Grand Jury Returns Bribery Bills in West Virginia—Marked Money Found.

Charleston, W. Va.—The special grand jury summoned to consider the charges of bribery in connection with the United States senatorial campaign indicted five West Virginia legislators. The indicted are: Delegates David Hill, H. F. Asbury, U. S. G. Rhodes and Rath Duff and Senator B. A. Smith.

The men were charged with feloniously receiving bribes. There were four counts in each indictment. They were also indicted for a misdemeanor, but the exact charge was not made public.

132 LOADED CARS IN TRAIN

Three Engines Pull and Two Push More Than Mile of Coal Cars to Test New Lackawanna Cut-off.

Newton, N. J.—In making a test of the length of a train which it would be possible to haul over the new cut-off of the Lackawanna railway near here, a train of 132 loaded coal cars was sent from Slatford Junction to Portmoria.

The train was more than a mile long with three locomotives pulling and two pushing it. The strong pull of the engines at the head of the line was too much for some of the couplings. They broke and caused a long delay.

News Regulation Bill Is Signed.

Little Rock, Ark.—Acting Gov. Oldham has signed the senate bill by Senator Covington to regulate the transmission and distribution of news over telegraph and telephone lines.

Warship Arkansas Damaged. Calumena, Cuba.—The battleship Arkansas ran on a coral reef 40 yards west of Ceiba Reef. Later the warship slipped off the reef and anchored, but water entered some of her compartments.

Goodwin Ordered to Pay \$1,000. Los Angeles, Cal.—A. C. Harrington, a Santa Monica grocer, who sued Nat Goodwin, the actor, for \$10,000, has been awarded \$1,000. Goodwin's auto ran the grocer down.

Arbitration Pact Signed.

Washington.—Secretary Knox and Ambassador Jusserand signed a convention to extend for another period of five years the arbitration treaty between the United States and France, which will expire March 12.

Fire Destroys Seattle Times.

Seattle, Wash.—The plant of the Seattle Times was destroyed by fire. Blether, Jr., manager of the paper, estimates the loss at \$650,000. The Times was published from the plant of the Post-Intelligencer.

Congressional Notes

Joseph R. Wilson of Tennessee, brother of the president-elect, has withdrawn from the race for the secretaryship of the senate.

E. G. Buckland, vice president of the New Haven Railroad and Steamship company, headed a delegation of officials who testified before the house shipping trust investigating committee to refute charges that the New Haven has a monopoly on water and rail traffic in New England.

"The withdrawal of the United States from the Philippines would be an act of cowardice and folly that would result in conditions worse than now exist in Mexico," declared Representative Olmstead of Pennsylvania in a speech against the Jones Philippine independence bill, which he described as "remarkable and dangerous."

Friends of the house amendment in the river and harbor appropriation bill, giving the Mississippi river commission jurisdiction over the levee districts in Illinois and Missouri, fear that Senator Burton of Ohio has succeeded in defeating the amendment in the senate committee on commerce.

The senate devoted a day's session to memorial ceremonies commemorative of the life, character and public works of the late Vice President James S. Sherman of New York. President Taft, members of the cabinet, the speaker, members of the house of representatives, the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court, ambassadors and ministers to the United States and other important dignitaries were present.

A call, signed by employees of every department of the government service, was sent out to all federal civil-service employees for a conference here April 4 and 5 to form a national organization to devise ways and means for the retirement of superannuated government employees.

By a viva voce vote the house re-passed the Webb bill to prohibit the shipment of intoxicating liquors into "dry" states as it passed the senate and thereby removed a parliamentary obstruction which threatened to delay its final passage until another session of congress.

The Poindexter resolution calling upon Secretary MacVeagh for a full statement of his reasons for issuing "treasury order No. 3" for the deposit of customs receipts in national banks was passed by the senate after a short debate.

Carrying a total of \$94,535,628, the army appropriation bill was reported to the senate from the committee on military affairs. The committee increased the allowances made by the house to the extent of \$680,450. A number of amendments in the shape of legislation were added, most important of which provides for changes in the method of appointment and constitution of courts martial.

The bill to provide \$2,000,000 for government participation in the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 at San Francisco was killed for this session of congress by the action of the house on a test vote of 112 to 117 in a parliamentary skirmish for closing debate.

Criticism of the present conservation system in the country because of the power it gives to departmental heads in Washington to regulate affairs in great areas of Western states was voiced in the senate by Senator Thomas of Colorado.

The house passed a resolution introduced by Representative Thomas W. Hardwick of Georgia, calling on the president for investigation regarding the exemption of American importers of Manila hemp from payment of the export tax thereon.

Eulogies for the late Senator Frye of Maine and Representatives Hubbard of Iowa and Uter of Rhode Island were delivered in the house. Many representatives joined in the symposium of tributes.

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The Clayton resolution for a constitutional amendment for a six-year, single presidential term effective in 1921, to exempt Taft, Wilson or Roosevelt from its operation, was put over to the next congress by the house judiciary committee. This indicates no action will be taken on the Works single-term resolution already passed by the senate.

Senator Poindexter introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish him reasons for treasury order authorizing deposit of customs receipts in national banks.

Senator Crawford introduced bill to restrict issuance of interlocutory injunction which suspend enforcement of a state statute.

Resolution calling for safeguarding American interests in Mexico was introduced by Senator Martineau.

Charging that the power of the post-office department to prevent the carrying of obscene matter through the mails is being used in "despotic fashion against reform publications and working-class papers," Representative Berger, the Socialist member from Wisconsin, introduced a resolution for an investigation of "the censorship" of the department.

Primary elections for fourth-class postmasters are provided for in an amendment to the post office appropriation bill which the senate committee on postoffices added to that measure.

NEWS of MISSOURI

"Student" Passes Bad Checks.

Columbia.—A neatly dressed young man, who said that he came here from the University of Kansas to study agriculture, brought with him a collection of checks, each of which he called his first remittance from his father. A number of Columbia merchants now have the checks. The young man bought clothing, shoes and other articles, paying for each with a check and receiving cash in change, then he bought a trunk, put his new purchases in it and left town. The holders of the checks have been notified that they are bogus.

Major May Ride Missouri Horse.

Mexico.—There is a strong probability that Gov. Major and his staff will ride genuine Missouri saddle horses in the inaugural parade at Washington. The likelihood of the colonels taking their mounts with them grows out of the fact that Washington livermen have placed a charge of \$12 per horse for the mounts to be used in the parade.

Boy Confesses to Murder.

Joplin.—Charles E. Underhill, 18, confessed that he killed Phillip Burton, an aged peanut vendor, Jan. 10. He implicated two other youths. Underhill told the police he slew Burton when the latter resisted an attempt to rob him. Underhill has been working in the mines here and spent his nights in the role of a robber.

Newspaper Women See Bout.

Carthage.—The executive board of the Missouri Women's Press association held a business meeting at Carthage and then went to Joplin, where they were guests of the Southwest Athletic club at a four-round exhibition boxing bout between Jeff Clarke, a middleweight, who is to fight Jack (Twin) Sullivan, and the former's

House Kills Two Labor Bills.

Jefferson City.—The house killed two bills which were desired by organized labor. One was by Fugate and prohibited the coercion of any employee upon the question of unionism. The other bill, by Wolfe of Jefferson county, required all corporations or persons working employees on Sunday to pay them double time.

Members of the executive board include ten newspaper women of the state. The organization was formed last fall and Miss Alice May Kimball of Springfield is president. The object in having the women witness the boxing exhibition was to obtain an expression of their ideas of the sport in print.

Two Trust Companies Incorporated.

Jefferson City.—Certificates of incorporation were issued by Bank Commissioner Mitchell to two new trust companies, the Kansas City Terminal Trust company, capital \$100,000, and the Appleton City Trust company, capital \$100,000.

\$100,000 Fire in Mexico.

Mexico.—The I. M. Greer Furniture company and the Palace Clothing company burned here with a total loss of over \$100,000. The furniture store occupied a four-story building and was one of the largest in central Missouri.

Buy \$26,000 Missouri Farm.

Springfield.—B. F. Tegenard purchased of C. J. Scott a 360-acre farm, 12 miles west of Springfield, paying \$26,000 for it. He will move to the farm at once, and purposes making a specialty of stock raising.

Major Issues First Parole.

Jefferson City.—John Coffee, under sentence of 20 years for stealing \$5.80 from a pedestrian, received the first parole issued by Gov. Major. Coffee was convicted when 22 years old, in October, 1900.

Capt. John Bridgewater, 75, Dead.

Warrensburg.—Capt. John Bridgewater, 75 years old, a veteran of the civil war and a Republican of statewide acquaintance, died at his home in Fayetteville, 10 miles north of Warrensburg.

Thomas V. Wilson Dies at Dixon.

Dixon.—Thomas V. Wilson, a prominent attorney and former postmaster, died at his residence at Dixon. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

Hurt in Mine Slide.

Springfield.—Narrowly escaping death, A. Clas was struck by a slide of rock and dirt at the Badger mine three and one-half miles southeast of the city and was rescued unconscious.

Joplin Has Police Matron.

Joplin.—After being without a police matron for almost two years, the city council concluded to fill the position which has been vacant so long. Mrs. Margaret Laws of Girard, Kas., was appointed.

Jury Acquits Lee Mills.

Kirkville.—A jury in circuit court acquitted Lee Mills, charged with the murder of Lee Branstetter on a plea of self-defense. It was shown that Mills was attacked by Branstetter and Homer Hatfield, and that he killed both.

Fulton P. O. Site Selected.

Fulton.—Information has been received in Fulton from Washington, D. C., that the postoffice department has decided to buy the Curd lots for the site of the government building.

IT'S HARD TO WORK

It's torture to work with a lame, aching back. Get rid of it. Attack the cause. Heavy or confining work is hard on the kidneys, anyway, and once the kidneys become inflamed and congested, the trouble keeps getting worse. The danger of running into gravel, dropsy or Bright's disease is serious. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, a fine remedy for backache or bad kidneys.

An Illinois Case

James E. Poyner, Roseville, Ill., says: "I was laid up with kidney trouble. My back pained so I couldn't move. The kidney secretions were in terrible condition. Doan's Kidney Pills cured my trouble in short order and for four years the trouble has never returned."

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LARGE FLY IN THE OINTMENT

Successful Candidate Should Have Been Happy, but There Were Reasons Why He Was Not.

"I suppose you're very happy now that you're elected mayor?" "Well, I can't say that I am. I thought I would be, but it hasn't worked out that way."

"But you got such a splendid vote. It ought to make you feel happy to think the people have such confidence in you."

"That is cheering, of course. It is fine to know that the majority of the people believe in you. Still, I'm not altogether contented."

"I can't understand it at all. Here you've been elected to the highest honor in the community; you have splendid opportunities to do good work; you may graduate from this position to broader service in the state, and possibly from the state to the nation. You ought to be happy if any one is."

"I know it. But I'm not. The fact is I am up against it. I have four political managers who did splendid service for me, and each one demands the same job."—Detroit Free Press.

HIS OPINION.



Howe—I understand your friend Bangs recently led a charming widow to the matrimonial altar. Wise—I don't know about that. I'm inclined to think she pushed him there.

The man who stands on the promise of God lives in the land of promise.

AS TO FLAVOUR.

Found Her Favorite Again.</